Dear friend, welcome to Trees for Life. In this issue, we share highlights of our work this year.

The poet Lucy Larcom wrote, “he who plants a tree, plants a hope”. Armenia needs hope in these challenging times. ATP’s work improves the environment, creates economic opportunities for rural villlagers, and educates the next generation of environmental stewards. We’re sharing our expertise, honed over 26 years of planting healthy trees, with farmers and providing seasonal work to hundreds of people.
This year we’re expecting to plant at least 400,000 trees all over Armenia, and provide about 450 seasonal jobs. In addition to our usual plantings, we’re working with other organizations to create riparian forests in Geghargunik region. As you’ll read below, this project created hundreds of temporary jobs! We’re making a difference, and planting hope for the future.

None of our work would be possible without your support. Thank you for believing in ATP’s vision. As the pandemic wanes we look forward to resuming our visits to churches, schools, and community organizations in the US and Canada. If you’d like us to visit your community, please contact us. We’d love to see you.

With gratitude,
Jeanmarie Papelian
Executive Director
EU Ambassador to Armenia launches "EU4Environment: Green Community, Resilient Future" on World Environment Day

On June 5 the EU Ambassador to Armenia Andrea Wiktorin officially launched the project entitled "Green community - resilient future" in Margahovit village, Lori. The opening ceremony was attended by the Deputy Governor of Lori region Gor Asryan, representatives of the EU Delegation to Armenia, the Head of Margahovit community Samvel Ananyan and representatives of the implementing organisations.

"Green community - resilient future" is a 3-year project led by Armenia Tree Project Charitable Foundation (ATP), in partnership with the Jinishian Memorial Foundation and the Armenian Energy Agency Foundation.

The project will introduce green urban development models and increase environmental protection and climate change adaptation capacities in targeted 15 municipalities in the provinces of Lori, Shirak and Tavush.

The official launch took place in Margahovit village, where Armenia Tree Project has been active since 2006, when it established the Mirak Family Reforestation Nursery. Ambassador Wiktorin planted a tree at the Nursery to signal the official opening of the project and to mark World Environment Day.

We are convinced that going green is at the center of economic recovery, hence the eagerness of the European Union to continue supporting in Armenia biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation, renewable energy, sustainable waste management and other environmental projects.
“Actions on climate change, environmental protection and sustainable development are at the heart of the European Green Deal and are among the main priorities of the EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement. We are convinced that going green is at the center of economic recovery, hence the eagerness of the European Union to continue supporting in Armenia biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation, renewable energy, sustainable waste management and other environmental projects,” highlighted Ambassador Wiktorin.

The planting was followed by a tour of the Ohanian Center for Environmental Education, the Charles G. Bilezikian Greenhouse, the Hrant Dink Memorial Forest, Margahovit Secondary School and one of the Backyard Nurseries run by a local family. Guests were also pleased to learn more about the environmental educational programs directly from young beneficiaries of ATP’s local Eco Club.

The three-year program will produce the following benefits:
- A state-of-the-art tree nursery in Gyumri, modeled after ATP’s Mirak Nursery, with the capacity to produce 100,000 seedlings annually
- 150 new backyard nursery micro-enterprises with a total annual yield of 200,000 seedlings
- 100 ha of new forests and seasonal planting jobs for locals
- Plantings in 50 schools Plantings in 10 parks and another 10 recreational areas
- An estimated total of 458,000 newly planted trees
- 10 new eco clubs in local schools and strengthened capacity of 5 existing eco clubs
- Awareness raising activities
- Annual eco camps for schoolchildren
- An annual nation-wide cleanup competition for schoolchildren
- An online information-sharing and learning portal

Lori Deputy Governor Gor Asryan stressed the importance of environmental conservation programs and reaffirmed that the government and Lori Regional Administration are ready to make every effort to implement such initiatives. The replenishment of the forestry fund, the process of reforestation and afforestation are of primary importance. Therefore, the Deputy Governor expressed hope that the successful cooperation throughout the years will be continuous and effective for the development of the communities and the region.

EU4Environment: "Green community - resilient future" was launched on March 1, 2021 in Armenia, and will go on for 36 months.
A MODEL OF SUCCESS: HOW THE ARMENIA TREE PROJECT IS GREENING THE COUNTRY

Written by Mannis Kishon (ATP Volunteer)

The ecological nadir of the history of Armenia was during the Soviet Era, when barely 8% of the country was covered in forests. During the early post-Soviet times, the situation wasn't getting any better as poor families were cutting down what little remained of the forests in order to heat their homes for the winter. This dire situation was the impetus for what became the mission of the Armenia Tree Project (ATP) - to sustainably green the nation by building back the forests. And a success it has surely been - since it was founded 26 years ago, ATP has planted over 6.7 million trees at sites throughout Armenia, including over 1.2 million through the Community Tree Planting (CTP) program.

Arguably the most important metric for evaluating the success of any tree planting program is the survival rate of the trees. It is well-known that mature trees provide the most benefits to the communities in which they are planted. **Good long-term data on tree survival is hard to come by, but fortunately, ATP maintains such a dataset.** According to Guy Hydrick, GIS Administrator at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council of Boston and a PhD candidate at Clark in geography studying urban and community forestry, “ATP’s community planting dataset is an extraordinary resource, which constitutes a larger sample of tree mortality than collected by any previously published study, and larger than most by several orders of magnitude.”
The CTP-specific data from this dataset is summarized in Table 1 above. What can be seen is a remarkable improvement in tree survival from the early days of the program through to the most recent period, increasing from a mere 40% survival rate to an amazing 83% long-term survival rate.

So what accounts for the success of ATP’s Community Tree Planting program? There are six components, which I call the Six Elements of Success: Seeds, Site Selection, Science, Society, and Scholarship.

**Seeds**

The foundation of success starts with seed and seedling selection. According to Hasmik Khurshudyan of the National Agrarian University, seedling quality is critical to ensuring high long-term survival rates. As Armenia has many different micro-climates, it is also important to select seeds and seedlings that are suitable for a given climatic zone. In addition, planting a variety of climatically suitable seedlings in a given location will help maintain the area’s biodiversity and resilience. In line with this, ATP only works with indigenous plant species and species which have adapted over centuries to Armenia’s climatic conditions.

**Site Selection**

ATP has a long queue of requests from communities across the country for tree plantings. In order to select the best locations for the long-term survival of the planted seedlings, the following criteria are used:

1. **Human Factor** - Is the community in which the trees will be planted ready and willing to care for them?
2. **Security** - Are we able to secure the site using fencing to protect the trees from grazing animals?
3. **Soil Composition** - Is the soil rich with nutrients and minerals to support healthy growth?
4. **Water** - Is water available and accessible or can it be provided affordably via an irrigation system?
5. **Community Land** - Is land available that is accessible to the entire community?
6. **Climate** - Is the community situated in a climatic zone that is suitable for the long-term health of types of trees we wish to plant?
Science

ATP’s tree propagation and planting techniques are essential to the high survival rates of its CTP program. This all starts at its nurseries, which are decentralized around Armenia in order that the seedlings start their life in a similar climate as to where they will ultimately be planted. These nurseries use greenhouses with modern irrigation systems, netting and suitable plant containers, all of which help improve the survival rates of the planted seedlings.

Plants receive water through a high-tech automated drip irrigation system, either through an individual drip emitter or weeper hoses. This system reduces weed growth thereby increasing the percentage of seedlings that survive. Netting is used in an increasingly large part of the nurseries, which serves to protect the seedlings and workers from the harsh elements of nature. ATP has plans to continuously expand the use of these and other technologies in order to improve seedling quality and thereby survival rates.

Society

Partnering with the communities we work in is critical to the success of ATP’s CTP program. Building relationships with community leaders is the first step. According to Aleksandr Mirzoyan, a monitor for ATP’s CTP, “It’s also the most challenging part of the job...Whoever we entrust in the community must realize the importance of the work we’re doing and be ready to take on the responsibility for the trees.” Fortunately, once a good relationship has been established, the job becomes easier. This is because the communities quickly realize the benefits.

For example, fruit trees that are planted provide fresh produce which families can consume, preserve or sell as they see fit. This has a significant positive impact on the community’s economic independence and sustainability, thereby creating an incentive for community members to maintain the trees and improve survival rates.

Stewardship

Following planting, ATP Monitors, such as Mr. Mirzoyan, conduct follow-up visits to the communities. This is especially important for newly planted sites and those that are less than one year old, to ensure that the trees take root. During these visits, ATP Monitors also obtain feedback from community caretakers about such things as replacing trees or the need for additional ones. During these visits, ATP Monitors also train the community caretakers in the skills they need to manage the plantings on an ongoing-basis. Careful and frequent monitoring and communication with community caretakers are critical to the long-term survival of the planted seedlings during the vulnerable early stages of growth. If the caretaker in a community is no longer able to be a part of the program, ATP will go back and find a suitable replacement so that the continuity of the program is maintained for the benefit of the community.
In response to the socio-economic consequences of COVID-19 on Armenia and its people, the Armenian Government implemented a series of 25 measures to provide support in 2020 and 2021. Among these measures, one was aimed at improving the environment as well as helping the Armenian people.

It was in the framework of the 15th Measure of the RA Government that about 2 million willow cuttings were planted on the riverbanks of Armenia’s highlands (1800-2400 m) in 7 regions of Armenia in May-June 2020. The “Restoration of Riparian Zones in Armenia” COVID-19 Response Project is the continuation of the 15th Measure focusing on Gegharkunik region of Armenia both in 2020 and 2021. The project is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the RA Ministry of Environment, and the RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure. The local supporting partner organizations are ATP Charitable Foundation, “ISSD” Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Development of Communities NGO, and “Blejan” ecological, social, business support.

Seasonal workers from Makenis, the Danielyan brothers
Within the framework of the project, temporary employment and income have been provided to the people who have been most affected by the social and economic consequences of the pandemic, and at the same time, pressing environmental issues have been addressed.

ATP is responsible for administering plantings in the riparian zones of Gegharkunik region, in which 520,000 willow tree cuttings were planted from May 3-27. ATP experts held training sessions with the temporary workers and supervised the plantings. Planting locations included Makenis, Akharradzor, Vardenis, Geghovit, Mets Masrik, Sarukhan, Gavar, Madina, Lanjaghbyur and Gegharkunik communities.

Around 253 people from these communities were hired to assist in planting activities in May 2021. Displaced refugees from Artsakh, who are currently living in the regions in Gegharkunik, were also hired as temporary workers to assist in the plantings. Workers were trained to collect cuttings from Sevan National Park, to be prepared for planting, and then plant.

“My brother and I were born and raised here. We’re both military servicemen. We served in Karvajar (Artsakh) and now we’re serving here, on top of that mountain. We’ve dedicated our lives to our country,” said seasonal worker from Makenis, Hovik Danielyan. “Whenever we have free time we usually spend it on farming, and other projects like this one. The work is going really well, and it’s all for the good of our community.”

Plantings concluded on May 27th. Willow cuttings and other local tree species were planted, and solid waste was collected from the river beds, river banks and the nearby areas. Five different species of willow cuttings were used, and all were extracted from Sevan National Park. Additionally, 12,000 wild fruit trees from ATP’s Mirak Nursery were planted in the Gegharkunik communities. This ongoing restoration project will contribute to the protection of Lake Sevan and will have a long-term positive impact on biodiversity, slope protection, water quality, as well as provide firewood in the future. In addition, it provides socio-economic support to the most vulnerable community members in Armenia.
PLANTING HOPE IN RURAL ARMENIA

With many villagers unable to travel abroad for work due to the pandemic and socio-economic issues brought on by the recent war, the temporary work opportunities created by ATP are critical in creating economic opportunity in rural Armenia. Most recently, the Aznvadzor community in the Lori region became the focal point of ATP’s job stimulation.

Situated in the northern Lori region, Aznvazdzor Village was an Azerbaijani settlement up until the outbreak of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in 1989. The village is located on the southern slopes of Bazum ridge, 4km from the city of Vanadzor. It occupies an area of 14.56 sq. km and has a population of about 300.

Spring planting in Aznvadzor began on Monday, April 19th, and lasted for two weeks. Over 85,000 trees were planted across 42 hectares. Tree types include pine, wild apple, oak, and beech. A fence was also installed to help protect the newly planted trees. The long-term impact is that the planted forest will contribute to biodiversity, soil and water conservation, and carbon sequestration. Most significantly, 60 villagers were hired to assist in the plantings.

Many of the newcomers to Aznvadzor first settled in the 1990s, and were Armenian refugees from Azerbaijan, mainly from Baku, Ganja, Sungait, etc. The main occupation of the villagers is animal farming and horticulture. However, some have left traditional agricultural occupations to work in Armenia’s booming tourism industry. Still, the majority of the villagers engage in farming or leave for Russia for seasonal jobs.
“After we left Talish we stayed in Alashan, the real name of which is Qmqadzor. From there we went to Berdzor and to Bertadzor after that. In the end, our fate brought us to Aznvadzor, Lori, which we had never heard of. How many dzor’s (gorges) do we have to enter and exit before we can have a stable future?”, said ATP seasonal worker, Ashot Bayunts.

The lack of employment in the village forces the male population to migrate abroad for work, mainly to Russia and other post-Soviet countries. When provided with seasonal jobs, many of the villagers prefer to stay with their families and work in the village. The amount earned and saved abroad is not significant when all the expenses are taken into account - accommodation, obtaining visas, travel fees, etc. Therefore, the seasonal opportunities created by ATP are critical in ensuring that the population remains in Aznvadzor, with their family and near their homes.

The selection of the new forestry planting site in Aznvadzor village was carefully planned by ATP specialists, taking into consideration several important factors including providing job opportunities to these villagers, as well as the optimal climate conditions. The main purpose of forest rehabilitation here is to restore the capacity of degraded forest land due to illegal and uncontrolled logging that was done during the 1990s.
The planting site, which encompasses a territory of about 42 ha, is situated on a slope of a hill about a kilometer away from Aznvadzor. Prior to the first plantings, the entire territory was fenced. The first tree planting was implemented in fall 2020 during which around 100,000 trees were planted, including fruit trees, decorative trees and shrubs. 85,000 trees were planted during the second tree planting, which was just completed.

“Though our planting in Aznvadzor was completed, our work is not finished. Just last week, ATP planted 35,000 trees in Koghes village in Lori, and hired 33 locals. ATP will continue to create job opportunities and stimulate economic growth in rural Armenia through future planting projects, including the upcoming willow-tree planting project, through which another 300 workers will be hired.

Through a generous anonymous donor, a match opportunity was created for $10,000 to assist in hiring the seasonal workers for our planting in Aznvadzor. Though the match has been reached for that project, our upcoming projects still need financial support to help us continue hiring seasonal workers. If you’d like to contribute, please donate through our website, ArmeniaTree.org/en/donation.
ATP ENTERS AGRICULTURAL MARKET WITH HIGH QUALITY TREE SEEDLINGS

In alignment with our goals to improve the living standards of the Armenian people through tree planting and environmental preservation, Armenia Tree Project is expanding its reach into the agricultural market. ATP now grows and sells quality planting material in its nurseries for the development of horticulture in Armenia. All proceeds from these sales will directly benefit ATP’s charitable programs, which include community-tree plantings and forestry development.

ATP offers wholesale and retail sales of seedlings in Armenia. Directly from the organization’s four nurseries, you can now purchase a variety of small and large fruit trees, evergreens, ornamental trees and shrubs. Buyers will also have exclusive access to free tree care advice from our specialists and receive bulk discounts in the case of wholesale purchases.

The organization’s four nurseries are located in the following communities: Lori - Margahovit, Vayots Dzor - Chiva, Aragatsotn - Karin, and Ararat - Khachpar. The nurseries have been strategically placed in different climatic zones to cultivate seedlings that are indigenous to the unique growing requirements of each area. Only the highest quality of local tree varieties are used. ATP also offers dwarf fruit tree species, which yield more fruit in relatively less time. They do not grow very tall or large, hence the term “dwarf”, and take up less space in fields. For these reasons, it is easier and advantageous for farmers to work with them.

Moreover, ATP’s nurseries are equipped with modern technologies such as drip irrigation systems to ensure quality in all its productions. Systems to protect from pests and different elements are widely implemented as well.
Armenia Tree Project Receives EU Grant

Armenia Tree Project has been awarded a 695,000 euro grant from the European Union to increase environmental protection and climate change adaptation capacities in Armenia’s small regional cities and towns. ATP is the lead applicant of the grant, with the Jinishian Memorial Foundation and the Armenian Energy Agency Foundation as co-applicants.

The grant will finance the implementation of the action entitled "Green community - resilient future": introducing green urban development model aimed at Armenia’s enhanced environmental protection and climate change adaptation.

Fifteen municipalities and their neighboring communities in the regions of Shirak, Lori and Tavush have been selected as beneficiaries. Funding will be used to:

- Green targeted 15 municipalities
- Green 50 schools and 10 parks
- Enhance urban greening capacity in targeted communities
- Establish 100 hectares of forests in 10 areas adjunct to the cities and towns
- Establish 150 backyard nurseries, modeled after ATP’s award-winning backyard nursery program
- Establish 1 nursery near Gyumri, modeled after the successful Mirak Family Reforestation Nursery operated by ATP
- Create an online information sharing and learning portal
- Establish 10 Eco Clubs and enhance ATP’s existing 5 in said regions
- Engage 7,000 schoolchildren in environmental education activities
- Hold eco-camps and annual country-wide clean-up competition campaigns to increase environmental awareness

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ATP will be responsible for activities dedicated to advancing urban greening practices and the establishment of respective infrastructures as well as environmental education activities. The Jinishian Memorial Foundation will leverage its expertise and existing network of regional actors in the field of capacity enhancement to coordinate activities aimed at advancing regional and municipal dialogues with stakeholders. The Armenian Energy Agency Foundation will design and deliver sub-activities aimed at the promotion of ‘green energy’, with particular focus on solar appliances, and energy efficiency practices.

New livelihood opportunities will be created in the selected communities as a result of the grant project. The project will help create additional income opportunities for a few hundred inhabitants who will be engaged in tree-planting activities.

“We, at the Armenian Energy Agency foundation, are delighted about being a co-partner within this project, which is another opportunity for us to talk about green energy, benefits of renewable and efficient energy. I congratulate ATP and the Jinishian Memorial Foundation, and wish good luck to all of us to achieve our goals,” says Luiza Vardanyan, the General Director of the AEA foundation.

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“Through this grant project we will have a greater opportunity to scale up ATP’s programs to include more communities, and not only do greening projects but also help those communities set up sustainable practices and infrastructure that will carry them into the future,” says ATP Operations Manager Arthur Harutyunyan. “We are very grateful to be able to expand our environmental work and duplicate some of our most successful programs to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.”
Interview with Community Planting Monitor
Aleksandr Mirzoyan

Aleksandr (Sasha) Mirzoyan works as a monitor for ATP’s Community Tree Planting program (CTP). He is responsible for organizing, overseeing and monitoring plantings in the provinces of Aragatsotn, Armavir, Shirak, Tavush, Syunik and Vayots Dzor. He has been working for ATP since 2015 and has a background in psychology, sociology, pedagogy and finances.

We often hear that a CTP Monitor must be a good psychologist to be successful. Based on your experience, what psychological effect does planting trees have on people?

I think the birth of any new life changes something in humans. Trees change people in a similar way that babies do. Once a seedling takes root, you begin to love it like you would your own child. You start to look after it, giving it your time and attention. We all get excited whenever someone is born, because it motivates us to think about the future, to work and to create.

Can you describe your work?
I want to start off by saying that it’s a really great job. We help people and communities all over the country. When we return to sites to check on the trees and offer professional advice, we are always given a warm welcome. That tells me what we’re doing really helps people and they appreciate it. That’s the most important thing about this work - it’s kind and it’s helpful.

As for the technical part of the job, well, we work with nature. For instance, in the winter if there’s snow in the northern areas, we start plantings from the south and make our way up. In the fall, we start working our way down from the north, before snowfall begins, so on and so forth. We search for locations for plantings and at the same time we respond to requests for trees. Usually, what will happen is we’ll plant somewhere, then the community next door will hear about it and want to benefit too.
Monitoring visits follow every planting. We return to the site soon after the planting to ensure the trees take root. We visit all our sites from time to time but priority is given to newly planted sites and 1 year-old sites, because they are in the most critical period of the planting process. Older sites are visited less often since the trees there are already out of that critical period, but those sites continue to remain in our plans. We usually visit older sites once or twice a year, and that’s mainly to see if the site requires any replacement trees or additional trees, and in general to stay up to date about the situation in order to be able to offer professional advice or assistance. Our partners in the communities tend to change from time to time (school principal, community leader etc.), so we make sure to go back and establish new connections and re-introduce the program.

**When are plantings most successful?**

In my opinion a lot of it depends on the relationship we build with our partners in the community. It’s also the most challenging part of the job - finding people in the community to collaborate with. Whoever we entrust in the community must realize the importance of the work we’re doing and be ready to take on the responsibility for the trees. You find different kinds of people - good, bad - but the important thing is that they understand our cause, and be responsible. Some of the most successful planting sites are supervised by people who aren’t exactly “nice” but rather strict and determined.

**When it comes to trees/plantings, what do you think Armenia needs most? How do you see the future of Armenia?**

I think we need intensive fruit tree orchards the most. ATP is focusing more on dwarf fruit trees recently, because they produce fruit in less time. Armenia’s agriculture and economy sectors, its farmers and villagers can really benefit from those trees. In addition, I think our people need to move on to more modern methods of cultivation, while still preserving some of the traditional ways. As for the future, it’s bright! And the more CTP there is, the more the country will grow and prosper!

**How was 2020 different for the CTP Program?**

I can’t recall a worse year. Somehow we managed to get some plantings done before corona really took over in the spring. But when the war came, the entire nation was broken. No one was concerned with anything but winning the war. In every household in every community, it was the same thinking and same concerns. The borders and the war were on everybody’s minds. It definitely had a worse effect than corona. We were all in a state of uncertainty. CTP did carry out its plantings but not on the scale that we had planned. One thing is for sure, all of this is going to have a negative impact on the economy, so it’s nice to know that the harvest from even a single one of our trees helps people.
In your opinion, what is the importance of planting in border villages?

You’ll have to come on a monitoring visit and see for yourself. In Chinari village, because the local cemetery is within view from the adversary’s posts, the villagers are forced to do funerals at night to avoid falling under fire. Our poplar trees were planted there to obstruct the view, and they are getting really tall! Besides that, when we distribute trees in border communities, it somehow helps keep people in the village. The trees become one of their main pastimes, and as you know, there are very few pastimes in these communities. They invest their time in the trees, they cultivate them and focus on growing them. The villagers are also able to sell the fruit and generate income to take care of their own needs.

What is your favorite CTP site and why?

My favorite isn’t a CTP site yet, but I’m planning on turning it into one. There is a church in Vahramaberd, which I really love. It’s a touristic location and I’m going to organize a planting there first chance I get. Other than that, I think Grigor Lusavorich (Gregory the Illuminator) in Goris is one of our most beautiful planting sites we have. I really enjoy my visits to Shirak province as well, since I spent my childhood in Gyumri, where my mother is from. I also love going to Tavush, which is where I fell in love with my wife.
LUSINE BAGHDASARYAN

ATP INTERN FROM ARMENIA

I’m doing my masters at the Armenian National Agrarian University and I was recently an intern at ATP’s Ohanian Center for Environmental Education in Karin. Within the framework of the educational program, I contributed to the preparation and conduct of lectures for different age groups, which were interesting and meaningful. It is fascinating to introduce children to nature, to tell them how to sow seeds and grow trees. It’s very inspiring to introduce the amazing things that happen in nature to schoolchildren, because the topics you present gives them something to strive for. It was nice to be at ATP for a month, to learn from their senior specialists. ATP is a strong family that unites nature lovers, from young to old.

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BIRTHRIGHT ARMENIA VOLUNTEER FROM LEBANON

At first when I came to Armenia, I was afraid that I wouldn’t be able to fit in, but the people here at Armenia Tree Project made me feel at home. Every day I am greeted with smiles and good food! There is always something to eat on my desk when I walk in the office. As for the work they do here, it is inspirational. They are making the world greener, and helping local communities thrive through education and seasonal work. I had the chance to meet the students from the Environmental Education program and the seasonal workers in the Forestation Campaigns, and honestly talking to those people showed me an aspect of life I have not seen before. I am actually sad that I will have to leave this amazing organization with
ATP X KOOYRIGS TREE PLANTING

ATP and Kooyrigs hosted a traditional Armenian tree planting ceremony at Sardarapad Memorial.

The free event also provided opportunities for photos in ethnic Armenian attire, sponsored by Teryan Cultural Center.

ATP IS BACK ON THE ROAD

As COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease in each city, ATP is back on the road, presenting our organization’s work in schools, churches, and other organizations.

If you’d like us to visit you, please email us at info@Armeniatree.org
Armenia Tree Project, in collaboration with the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, has created the fourth edition of our Building Bridges newsletter in Western Armenian. The fourth newsletter focuses on forests!
How to make a provision for Armenia Tree Project in your will

There are several ways to make the Armenia Tree Project a beneficiary in your will:

- You can make a specific bequest to ATP. For example, “a gift of ten thousand dollars ($10,000),” “100 shares of Apple stock,” or “my residence at 75 Elm Street, Watertown, Massachusetts.”

- You can include a residual provision that enables ATP to share in the residue of your estate after specific bequests have been made to others.

- Or you can include a contingent bequest. For example, “if my husband predeceases me, I give to ATP a gift of ten thousand dollars ($10,000),” “100 shares of Apple stock,” or “my residence at 75 Elm Street, Watertown, Massachusetts.”

By including a provision for the Armenia Tree Project in your estate plans, you are arranging a lasting legacy which will provide support for the future of Armenia’s environment. You do not have to be wealthy to remember ATP in your will—all that is required for a bequest is foresight and a love for our ancestral homeland.

When you provide for the Armenia Tree Project in this way, you will be welcomed into the Oak Society, our recognition group for those who choose to support ATP through a legacy gift.

For more information, please contact Michelle (michelle@armeniatree.org)
Become an ATP monthly donor to HELP GREEN COMMUNITY SITES across Armenia!

$5 - grow one seedling up to 50cm in 6 months in one of ATP's nurseries

$10 - grow one medium-sized tree up to 1m within two years and transplant to a community site

$20 - grow one large tree up to 1.5-2m in two years which can be used for greening parks. Amount includes landscape design, preliminary site monitoring, tree planting and post planting monitoring activities

Become an ATP monthly donor to HELP PLANT FORESTS in Armenia!

$5 - 1 tree + maintenance for a year in the forest (weeding, mulching, fire-prevention measures)

$10 - 2 trees + maintenance for a year in the forest

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FOR CHILDREN in Armenia

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(training, transportation, meal)

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(training, stationary, educational materials,
supplies for hands-on activities)

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(transportation, training, field trips, meals,
stationary, supplies for hands on activities)

$50 - Training (TOT) for one teacher
(training, supplies, transportation)

Become an ATP monthly donor
and HELP GROW SEEDLINGS
FOR REFORESTATION!

$5 - procurement of 1 kg of
maple and ash tree seeds

$10 - procurement of 10 kg of oak seeds

$30 - 1 kg of pear, apple or pine seeds
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